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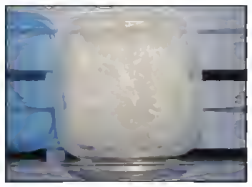

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Fort Erie workers fear for their track

Cory Smith
QMI Agency Niagara

If the Fort Erie Race Track closes, Rick Simons is out of a job.

And a house.

The four-year track employee figures there are many others in the same position.

"It's just a shame to see if it is the last day or not," he said between races Tuesday on what was the final day of the season. "It runs right down the lane how many people are going to lose their jobs."

Simons has worked in the track's colour room for four years. He worked at the track in his youth, doing several jobs. He returned after 32 years and is afraid of what the future holds.

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne outlined a new five-year stainability plan for the horse racing industry Friday, and "the panel didn't see a clear path forward for Fort Erie in terms of being a thoroughbred track ..."

"That's it, what do you do?" Simons said. "I'm 66 years old and the job that I got ... it's going to be tough. I just hope they don't close, for everybody. A lot of my friends that I got to know from the back side, they'll lose their homes, too. I just hope that something happens."

The track's future has been in limbo for seven years, Jim Thibert, CEO of the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium, said Tuesday.

"It's been a really great year," Thibert said. "We figured we were the flagship and the poster boys for this panel and we were stunned on Friday that not only wouldn't they be funding our model, but then they accused us of not being sustainable, which is a straight up lie."

Track chief financial officer Tom Valiquette said live track wagering was up 10% per race in 2013, while he estimated attend-a nce increased "about 25%" based on program and concession sales.

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'Not good for industry'

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Fort Erie restructured race days and lengthened the season by a few weeks only to find out "the rules have been changed again, and down we go," Valiquette said.

Trainer Justin Nixon said the transition panel report, which recommends giving Fort Erie "festival" meets--no one at the track knows what that means -- eliminates a "viable alternative to Woodbine. And by giving Woodbine all the days, it creates, if you will, a thoroughbred monopoly.

"It's not good for the industry as a whole."

Nixon believes a deal needs to be struck that creates new revenue streams, much like Fort Erie used to have with the slots. Integrating more high-profile meets would help boost attendance and wagering.

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Fans gather at racetrack.

"It's an upward cycle from there," he said.

The 20-year trainer started his career at Fort Erie and has a stable of 10 horses now, less than half of what he had a few years ago.

Nixon used to have almost a dozen employees and now has four.

"You try and be optimistic," he said. "I shut down my Fort Erie operation this year, unfortunately, because I didn't have the stock or the horse numbers to mandate having it, which I've had here on and off for a few years."

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Goodbye, hometown: Small–town Ontario struggles to stay alive

Maryanne Firth
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With declining birth rates and an aging population, most growth in Ontario, and in Canada, is through immigration.

When the shift-change whistle sounded at Atlas Specialty Steels, people knew to avoid the east end of Welland.

Factory workers rushing home clogged the streets, already rumbling with the heavy flow of transport trucks coming and going from one of the town's many busy industries.

Today, the south Niagara city still sees congested traffic, but the destinations have changed since Atlas closed its doors a decade ago.

Now the traffic flows out of town as hundreds, if not thousands, of commuters hit Hwy. 406 for the daily drive toward jobs elsewhere.

Commuting has become common practice for many small-town Ontarians.

It takes a toll on the workers and their local economies — a fact communities across the province are learning firsthand.

The closure of Atlas, and several other factories since, has left Welland broken.

And it's not alone.

Ontario's population is expected to increase by 3.9 million people by 2036 with most of those people locating in the Toronto area.

While large urban centres grapple with how to address the population influx, smaller centres have the opposite problem.

Already towns and small cities all over the province — and beyond — have witnessed the decline of main industries, leading to closures of schools and churches as people go elsewhere for work. Small hospitals are on edge.

Service clubs, once responsible as leading the charge for major community projects, have folded due to a lack of members.

In Welland, the Main Street Bridge hovers over the original namesake canal that put Welland on the map and allowed it to thrive.

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Rebranding hometown

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But, like the town itself, the signs of neglect and cracks of time, are apparent.

Known as the Rose City, some say Welland is making strides toward blossoming again. Others say it has withered too far.

One thing is for certain, its growth has been slow.

Between 2006 and 2011, Welland, with a population of roughly 50,000, saw only a 0.6% increase, compared to the national average of 5.9%. While the city's growth is minimal, some Ontario communities have actually seen stark declines in population.

The northern Ontario town of Hearst, for instance, dropped 9.4% to 5,090 in 2011 from 5,620 in 2006, and the southwestern town of The Blue Mountains decreased 5.5% to 6,453 in 2011 from 6,825 in 2006.

Despite the challenging road ahead, Mayor Barry Sharpe is determined to help Welland not only remain stable, but also find its footing and flourish once again.

While he accepts that Welland no longer has the natural draw of high-paying factory positions to entice young families into the city, he hasn't given up hope.

Instead, the mayor has been on a mission to help rebrand his hometown, turning it into a hub for green energy manufacturing and sports tourism.

The newly built Welland International Flatwater Centre, which has already held world events on the city's recreational canal, will play host to some of the Pan Am Games events in 2015.

Investment into the waterway is "an important part of what will define a more positive future in the community," Sharpe says.

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Do You Remember?

The adorable little girls in last week's photo were identified by George Jardine and an anonymous caller. They were left to right, Mary Pat Sparling in the Scottish dress and Linda Greko in the Welsh dress. These little girls were in a play at Our Lady of Victory school in the 1960s.

We have two names on the back of this week's photo: Andy Montana and Joe Pagliacci. If you can put any names to faces or tell us who the other people are, please call the Museum at 894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca

Leaders know: Niagara Falls is in play

Corey Larocque
Editor's Notebook

Is orange the new red?

In Niagara Falls and Fort Erie, we've seen a lot of Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath in the past week. Once again, it appears the NDP will shine a lot of attention on the Niagara Falls riding with both a byelection to replace former MPP Kim Craitor looming and a general election likely in 2014.

The sudden intense interest Ontario's party leaders are showing in the Niagara Falls riding is a good indication that they think it's up for grabs.

Seats like Niagara Falls, which were once Liberal strongholds, are crucial to the NDP and Progressive Conservatives if they're going to end more than 10 years of Liberal government in Ontario.

Horwath visited Niagara Friday for the second time in a week, officially to take a factory tour, but more likely to get her name and her party's name out there in a riding with no sitting representative in provincial government and a by-election looming within the next five months. Horwath was also in Fort Erie – part of the Niagara Falls riding – last Tuesday for this season's last race day at the Fort Erie Race Track.

"You guys are going to be getting sick of me," Horwath said, joking with a reporter Friday about the frequency of her Niagara visits.

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Yellow shirts still watching

Dear Editor,

Our political future is foggy as each of the parties has suddenly become quite visible in Niagara since Kim Craitor retired and a byelection is looming. Craitor put the people in his constituency first, and took our hospital dilemma to his party, always acknowledging the Yellow Shirt Brigade as friends as well as constituents. It is our wish that Premier Kathleen Wynne try to fill his shoes with someone with a heart as well as political aspirations. The proposed new hospital, chosen by Kevin Smith and agreed to by a committee of mayors from south Niagara, could be built on Lyons Creek Rd. adjacent to the QEW on donated land. Some towns have pledged future funding. What is needed now is the approval of Wynne, or her successor.

We must be sure this time to vote for the party that will put the health and welfare of the people of Ontario first. Health-care is a life and death matter, not something to be taken from those living in rural areas.

As a major port of entry to the United States we should be thriving in industry and tourism, but the cuts made by our current government indicate we do not matter, and are expendable.

This has to stop and the money making enterprises brought back to renew our ability to survive and thrive.

The Yellow Shirt Brigade is still here waiting to see what will happen. We are still fighting for equal acceptable health care as promised to all people living in Canada.

The Yellow Shirt Brigade has tried to stop the closures of our hospitals.

Andrea Horwath stood with us many times trying to stop the closures, and Tim Hudak came and said if elected he would do what he could to bring back the hospital in Fort Erie. Both of them invited us to the legislature and spoke to the issue. Let us see what they all promise now, and vote for the right party.

Joy Russell,
Yellow Shirt Brigade,
Fort Erie

STOP BULLYING

There is a lot to say today on the subject of bullying. bullying takes many forms and there are commercials on TV, articles in the newspapers, awareness in the school system etc. to try to protect children.

However, when they become a young adult, is it then that we sit back and allow it to happen? do we watch other adults destroy a young person's life and say, "yes, I know it's wrong and my life was disturbed for a short time, but I want to get back to my comfort zone, so why don't they just accept it and move on?"

Are we afraid that if we stand up to the bully, he will do the same to us? When did it become a joke to stand up for what's right? by being docile, are we also being bullies? If it does happen to me, will anyone stand up against it with me? What happened to "it takes a community to raise a child." Once they are out of their teens, does the caring stop?

Carol Brettell,
Welland

SPREAD THE WEALTH

It was reported recently in a news article "Niagara Falls set for spending spree," improvements will be seen in sewers, roads, bridges, parks and transportation thanks to $20 million Niagara Falls is expected to receive from Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. Let me see.

Welland had an International Flatwater Event. Port Colborne had Canal Days. St Catharines had Rib Fest and Grape and Wine Fest. The Welland Canal Corp even advertises as one of its sponsors Nightly Illumination of Niagara.

I imagine the other municipalities suggest Falls hotels and their amusement parks. We, regional people, promote Niagara Falls. We are proud of our region that includes Niagara Falls.

The OLGC introduced a new formula for compensation on casino revenues instead of a fixed annual amount.

I believe regional mayors and their councillors should be thanking Niagara Falls Mayor Diodati for asking OLGC to include the region in its revenue compensation. The City of Niagara Falls has councillors and a mayor who truly like to share.

On behalf of all citizens of Niagara region, I would like to thank the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp and Niagara Falls Mayor and his councillors in advance for sharing the compensation with the region. Then maybe the new hospital would look good in Niagara Falls.

Ron St. Louis,
Welland

DEER HUNT DEFENCE

Besides hearing from the Wildlife alliance, what other due diligence or research did St. catharines city council undertake before voting to send a letter to the Natural Resources Minister requesting the cancellation of the deer hunt slated for November?

Hunting is to be by bow and arrow.

Bow hunting is a very safe form of hunting. The fatal effectiveness of an arrow shot from a bow diminishes far more rapidly than a bullet fired from a rifle. In addition, a bow fires only one arrow at a time, and the hunter must take time to reload their bow and take aim again if they missed their first shot, which would allow their prey to escape. consequently, bow hunters must get much closer to their prey in order to properly identify their prey and identify a vital spot to aim their arrow at.

It is very unlikely for a hunter to mistake a human being for a deer.

The Wildlife alliance advised that neighbours still entered the park despite the security arrangements in place last year. If neighbours entered the park, it is because they chose to ignore or avoid the security in place.

In view of the Supreme court of Canada being on the side of the aboriginals for their right to hunt and the MNR concurring with the hunt, the Wildlife alliance is raising the red herring of a safety issue in an effort to garner support for their stance.

I would have expected city council to do a more thorough investigation into the anti-hunt movement. Where is city council's inclusiveness?

Clive Vallis,
St. Catharines

New Democrats serious about winning Niagara Falls riding

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That's an unconventional campaign slogan, but it underlines how seriously New Democrats are about winning the Niagara Falls riding.

Not to be outdone, Liberal Premier Kathleen Wynne showed up at the Niagara Falls farmers' market Saturday morning. She wasn't shopping for pumpkins.

"There's a byelection and that's the reality. I'm not going to pretend and I'm sure I will be back in Niagara."

Of course, Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak, a hometown boy in Fort Erie, is a regular visitor to the Niagara Falls riding. He stopped by Niagara Falls and Fort Erie earlier this month.

The NDP made a strong showing – 26% – in the 2011 election with former Fort Erie mayor Wayne Redekop as a high-profile candidate. Now Ontarians are fuming over the $1.1-billion cost of cancelling two gas-fired electricity generators. Niagarans are stinging from the Liberal handling of the Fort Erie Race Track and mishandling of the south Niagara hospital file. And a popular incumbent Liberal choosing not to run again. You can't blame Horwath and Hudak for thinking the Niagara Falls riding is ripe for the picking.

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Fort Erie mom 'lost' after son arrested in Aussie drug bust

John Law
QMI Agency Niagara

Eight Canadians, including two from Niagara, were among ten people arrested in a major drug bust in Australia Monday.

CHCH News reported Monday night that two of the Canadians, 30-year-old Catherine McNaughton and her cousin, 27-year-old James Kelsey, were from Fort Erie.

Australian police say a 46-year-old Canadian man was arrested Sunday as he was about to board a flight to Sydney, where he was scheduled for another flight to Canada. This led to a raid on a Melbourne address where McNaughton and Kelsey were arrested.

When reached by phone Monday night, Kelsey's distraught mother Joyce said she was stunned to hear the news from another resident in her building Monday morning.

"He's never, ever been in trouble with the law," she said, choking back tears. "He's always been a good kid."

She said her son went to Australia in September looking for work after he was cut off from welfare. He told her he had a job setting up displays in an electronics store, thrilled to be working again and getting out of debt.

"It was like a vacation for him."

She hasn't been able to speak with her son since the arrest and has "no idea" what her next step is.

"I'm lost right now ... he's lost right now," she says. "I can't afford to go over there. I'm widowed, I live by myself, I live on pensions."

"With him ... he was so far in debt, he was living in my niece's basement. Before that he was just living anywhere he could. He just wanted a job."

Monday's bust nabbed nearly two tonnes of a vanilla powder/pseudoephedrine mix, which could have yielded up to $298 million worth of methamphetamine (including crystal meth).

"Some of this material was going to be used in the production of meth in Australia," said Steve Fontana, Victoria police Assistant Commissioner.

All appeared in court Monday.

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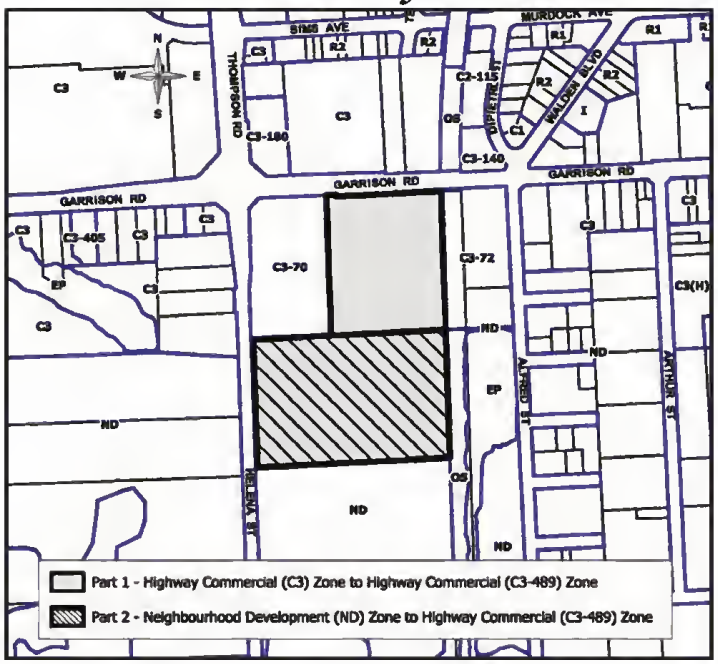

An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown above. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the **Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca.**

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law 93-13 is to amend Zoning By-law 129-90 (COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW) by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map above as follows:

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The Lands shall comply with the Highway Commercial (C3) Zone, except for the following exception:

- The lands may also be used as a "Department Store"

By-law No. 93-13 also amends Schedule "A" to Zoning By-law No. 129-90 as amended, by removing the "Environmental Conservation (EC) Overlay" from these lands.

The subject land is also the subject of approval of an Official Plan Amendment, File No. 350302-0076.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013
CAROLYN KETT, TOWN CLERK

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

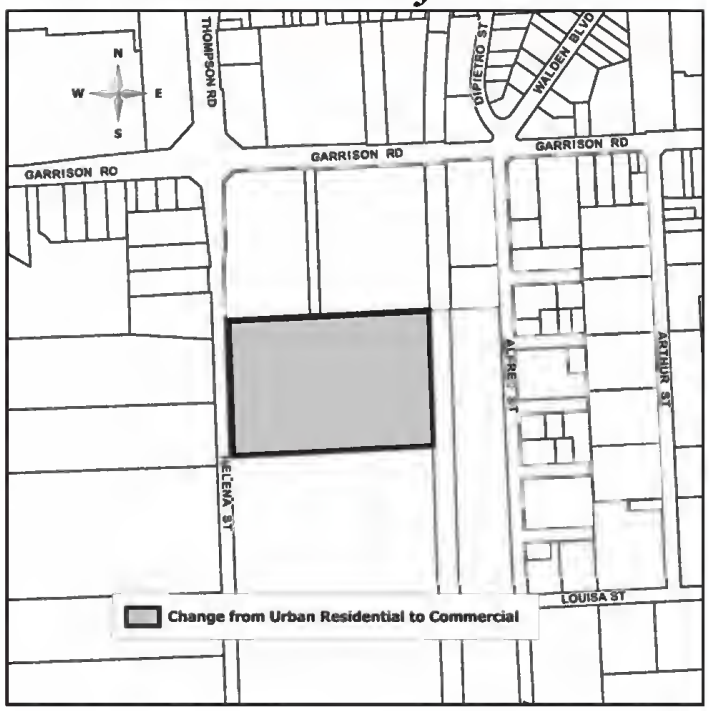
Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P 13, ss.17(23), O.Reg. 543/06
APPLICANT: 575 GARRISON ROAD INC.
(DAVID KOMPSON)
FILE #: 50302-0076

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law Number 92-13 being a by-law to adopt Amendment #16 to the Official Plan for the Fort Erie Planning Area on the 15th day of October, 2013 under Section 22 of the Planning Act.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 13th day of November, 2013 a notice of the appeal setting out the reasons for the appeal and the specific part of the proposed official plan amendment to which the appeal applies. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of $125.00. A certified cheque or money-order made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment #16 is exempt from approval by the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the decision of Council is final if a notice of appeal is not received before or on the last day for filing a Notice of Appeal.

LOCATION OF SUBJECT LANDS



No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Only individuals, corporations or pubic bodies may appeal a decision of the Municipality to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown above. The completed By-law is available for inspection in the clerk's office during regular office hours.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT
The purpose and effect of proposed Amendment No. 16 is to amend the Town's Official Plan from "Urban Residential" to "Commercial" to permit the development of a department store and other commercial uses.

INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE AMENDMENT
Information pertaining to the proposed Official Plan Amendment application and the adopted Official Plan Amendment #16 is available at the Community and Development Services Department, Town of Fort Erie, 1 Municipal Centre Drive or by calling Matt Kernahan, Senior Development Planner, (mkernahan@town.forterie.on.ca) at 905-871-1600 ext. 2507.

OTHER APPLICATIONS
The Applicant has submitted an application for a Zoning By-law Amendment, File No. 350309-0359. The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie has approved a zoning by-law amendment on October 15th, 2013.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 24th day of October, 2013.
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SALE OF LANDS BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on November 5, 2013 at the Municipal Centre, Clerk's Department, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at The Municipal Centre, Conference Room 1 at 3:05 p.m.

Description of Land(s)	Minimum Tender
372 GILMORE RO, PLAN 2653 PT BLK A NP366 RP 59R6822 PART 1 IRREG 80.00 FR 243.10Q, PIN 64229-0106(LT) ROLL NUMBER 2703 010 048 01200	$17,303.75
30-40 COURTWRIGHT ST, PLAN 910 LOT C TO E NP348 REG 230.49FR 134.70Q, PIN 64232-0235(LT) ROLL NUMBER 2703 010 049 00200	$128,483.31
3453 BOWEN RO, CON 11 NR PT LOT 8 RP 59R10284 PART 3 IRREG 281.00FR 118.50Q, PIN 64243-0003(LT) ROLL NUMBER 2703 020 029 02900	$24,183.35
2648 STEVENSVILLE RO, PLAN 75 LOT 47 PT LOT 48 NP415 REG 68.50FR 206.25Q, PIN 64245-0140(LT) ROLL NUMBER 2703 020 029 15200	$29,675.43

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or certified cheque by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchaser.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant land transfer tax and HST if applicable.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, contact:

GILLIAN CORNEY
Manager of Revenue & Collections
1 Municipal Centre Drive
Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6
T. (905) 871-1600 ext 2305
F. (905) 871-9984
gcorney@forterie.on.ca

SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY ON A BOARD OR COMMITTEE

Here is another opportunity to lend your time and talents to your community. The Town of Fort Erie is served not only by elected officials but by volunteers as well through appointment to its various boards and committees.

The Town is looking to attract people who have an interest in contributing to their community. Vacancies currently exist on the following boards and committees:

BUSINESS/SHOPPING
Bridgeburg Station Downtown BIA
One (1) Vacancy

BUSINESS/SHOPPING
Crystal Beach BIA
One (1) Vacancy

FLOWERS/ BEAUTIFICATION
Communities-in-Bloom Committee
Four (4) Vacancies

WALKABLE/BIKEABLE COMMUNITY
Fort Erie Active Transportation Advisory Committee
One (1) Vacancy

TEENAGERS AGES 13-21
Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee
Six (6) Vacancies

HISTORY/ CONSERVATION
Museum & Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee
One (1) Vacancy

For more information on these boards and committees, please see By-laws establishing each of the boards/committees at the Town's website: www.forterie.on.ca under Town Hall "C" for "Committees.

We look forward to receiving your application by **Wednesday, November 6, 2013 by 4:00 p.m.** Applications are available:

- ***On the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca under Public Notices - Board and Committee Vacancies, or from the Clerk's Office.***
- ***Or you can submit a letter setting out relevant background information.***

Submissions will be accepted by the Clerk via:

1. Email: ckett@forterie.on.ca
2. Mail: Town of Fort Erie, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6
3. Hand delivery to the Customer Service Desk, Town Hall
4. Fax: 905-871-4022

Cheryl Watson, Legislative Assistant, welcomes enquiries at 905-871-1600 ext. 2212 or email: cwatson@forterie.on.ca

This information is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to select persons for appointments to Town of Fort Erie boards and committees. A public open ballot process is used when an election is required to select an appointee. The ballots are public documents.

Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie

Back to the future for the Fort Erie Race Track

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

Back to the future.

The Fort Erie Race Track is facing the prospect of having to host a few select races as opposed to a full schedule if it wants to operate in 2014.

But exactly how many days could be decided during meetings between track officials and members of a panel tasked with charting a new course for the Ontario horse-racing industry.

"(The Fort Erie Race Track) used to be an August meet back about 15, 20 years ago," said panel member John Snobelen. "They used to come from Woodbine over a three-to-four-week meet in the summer time."

Snobelen was scheduled to meet Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium officials Wednesday to debrief track officials about the report's details and to "open up a conversation about what happens next."

The consortium's board of directors hoped the province could respond to their three-year proposal by Tuesday, which was the last day of this season.

The consortium called on the province to provide $7.9-million per year to provide for 400 races or $8.7 million for 500.

The contract would do away with the year-to-year uncertainty track officials, horse people and the province have had to struggle with.

Instead, the province decided to inject up to $80 million a year over five years to the entire industry, starting next April, to cover purses and the costs of live racing.

"The plan the (consortium) put forward publicly was just more than we could afford to invest," said Snobelen.

He said it doesn't make business sense to split thoroughbred racing between Fort Erie and Woodbine, but the border town is ideal to host a festival-meet track. That's the way horse racing operates in most jurisdictions around the world, Snobelen said.

"If you look at the Kentucky Derby or the Belmont (Stakes), they're festival meets held at tracks over a week or two week period with a lot of concentrated activity," Snobelen said of the three U.S. triple-crown races. "In Australia, meets will move from town to town."

Premier Kathleen Wynne outlined a new five-year, $400-million sustainability plan for the industry Friday. She said the panel didn't see a "clear path forward" for Fort Erie to remain a full-fledged thoroughbred track. The panel suggested the facility be considered to host a festival meet with thoroughbreds shipped in on race days only, instead of being stabled there full time.

Snobelen said Fort Erie's track is beautiful with a rich history.

"We see it as a part of the future of racing in Ontario, but it will take an extreme amount of creative thinking and hard work. We, for sure, want to have this program ready by April 1. We'd like to see racing at this venue."

Consortium manager Jim Thibert could not be reached for comment.

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The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie is inviting submissions from interested bidders to provide any and all labour, materials and equipment necessary to provide:

TREE TRIMMING SERVICES

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October 31st, 2013

Specific project details and requirements are provided within the bid document.

Interested bidders are asked to contact Natasha Pisano, Purchasing and Finance Clerk at (905) 871-1600 ext. 2321 or alternatively at npisano@forterie.on.ca to make suitable arrangements to pick up the quotation document.

The lowest of any submission not necessarily accepted.

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All-in price $20,869**

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ALL-IN PRICE | $17,549*
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ALL-IN LEASE
$98‡@3.9% APR
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rice $28,739**

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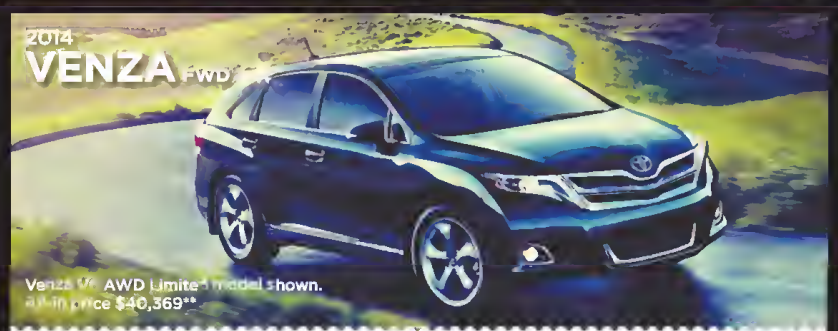

Venza V6 AWD Limited model shown.
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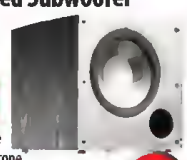

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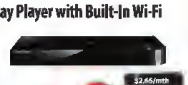

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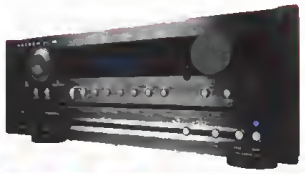

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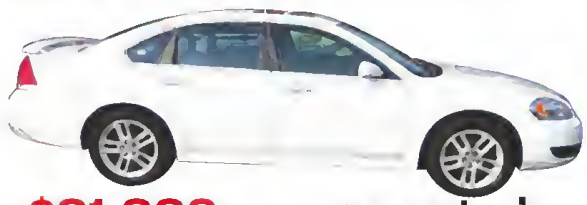

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The naked truth about West Nile

Grant Lafleche
QMI Agency Niagara

Every day before the researchers start their work, they have to strip down to their birthday suits. No ifs, ands or buts about it. Their clothes have to come off.

It might be a bit much for most, but for Fiona Hunter and her team it's just part of doing business.

"You know when I put my team together, I made sure they were a group that would all get along," said Hunter, touring the university's new multimillion-dollar high security research lab.

"We had to go to Winnipeg for training, and at some point everyone saw everyone naked."

Talking about it makes Hunter giggle, but the reasons why she and the others had to lose their clothes and don lab scrubs, socks, shoe covers and even underwear is because they are working with the West Nile virus.

Hunter and her three-member team cannot bring anything into the lab. And what they do wear has to be specially disinfected in an autoclave that cooks their clothes and equipment at 121°C.

"It's all done to prevent anything from getting out of the lab," she said.

The Level 3 biohazard l ab, located on the fifth floor of the $112-million Cairns bioscience building, features a series of airlocks, a vaporized hydrogen peroxide decontamination system and specialized wall paint that prevents even smoke from penetrating it.

Starting later this month behind these layers of security, Hunter and her team will start unlocking the mysteries of the West Nile virus and the condition of the mosquitoes that spread it.

"So far, this kind of work is only being done in the United States," she said. "But they have different strains of mosquitoes, different strains of the virus. We want to examine what is happening here."

In Hunter's old lab, she was able to test dead mosquitoes collected around Niagara. But that was about as far as she could go.

In the new lab, she will be able to grow her own virus samples and mosquitoes. Beyond just understanding more about the virus and the bugs, Hunter said the research will improve local West Nile virus monitoring.

The team is examining the conditions in which mosquitoes can spread the virus. If the temperature is too cold, Hunter said, mosquitoes aren't transmitting the virus. But at a higher, more optimal temperature, they can.

"We want to know what the temperature is," she said.

"Right now, a lot of money and effort goes into spraying pesticides into standing bodies of water (to curb the mosquito population.) But if it is an exceptionally cool season, in my view it won't be worth spending those resources."

Although focused on the West Nile virus now, Hunter said the lab provides a line of defence against future insect-borne infectious diseases.

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Remembering Light Vessel 82

Matt Day
QMI Agency Niagara

The winds whipping up the shores of Crystal Beach Friday were but light breezes compared to a deadly storm that hit the area 100 years ago.

Hurricane-force winds created 10-metre high swells on Lake Erie near Point Abino on Nov 10, 1913.

The crew of six aboard the United States Lighthouse Service's Light Vessel 82 died doing their job that evening when the ship capsized into the cold water.

On Friday, about 30 people, including the grandchildren of the ship's captain, Hugh Williams, gathered at Waterfront Park for a short ceremony to honour those who died.

The capsizing of the boat turned out to be the determining factor for the Canadian government to build the Point Abino Lighthouse a few years later.

Before then, boats were stationed near the rocky shoals to warn other ships of the dangers ahead.

"It's a shame it took some sort of tragedy like that," said Rick Doan of the Fort Erie Marine Heritage Group.

Doan said the small group that organized the event didn't know about story of Light Vessel 82 until 2005.

"From there it snowballed," he said, adding a plaque was dedicated in 2012 and plans to have Williams' grandchildren, Michigan's Patricia Sharp and Bruce O'Connor, attend a ceremony have been long overdue.

During Sharp's speech to the crowd, she read a letter her grandfather sent his wife just 10 days before his death.

The letter referenced the freezing temperatures and how the lake's churning characteristics would throw plates of food off tables.

"It's kind of risky going in the launch this time of the year," the letter reads. "Kiss the children for me."

Doan said when he first read some of Williams' letters Sharp would email to him, he couldn't help but get emotional.

"You could tell he was a really loving father to these children," he said. "When I first saw them it almost brought tears to my eyes to think that their mother stood by the door waiting for their father to come home."

Before the ceremony, Sharp and O'Connor were taken on a special guided tour to the Point Abino Lighthouse.

The 10-week season of limited public viewing has been over since early September.

"To look out over the water and realize my grandfather was out there 100 years ago and lost his life is very emotional," said O'Connor.

Sharp said she was disappointed to hear the public is only allowed to visit the lighthouse during specific times in the summer.

"It's sad everyone can't get there more easily, but it's been preserved very nicely."

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Throne speech touts consumer rights

Jeff Bolichowski
QMI Agency Niagara

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives vowed to let Canadians choose their own TV channels by forcing providers to deliver them unbundled. That was among a raft of other key promises, including reducing roaming costs for cellphone customers and boosting high-speed broadband network growth in rural areas.

St. Catharines MP Rick Dykstra, newly transferred to the Ministry of Canadian Heritage as parliamentary secretary, said his portfolio will include working on unbundling. He figured families would find it appealing to pick and pay for only the channels they want.

"It'll at least be more of their choice, and the choice that they and their families think will work for them," the Tory MP said.

But unbundling channels could mean losing channels in other languages, warned Allen. The New Democrat said unbundling is a good idea on the surface, but he cited Welland's 14% francophone population and wondered if they could support a Frenchlanguage channel on their own.

"You could lose it if you rely on subscribers and just those who really want it," he said.

"In some cases it actually costs you more, depending on how you unbundle."

The promise was part of a throne speech with a strong focus on consumer rights, delivered by Gov. Gen. David Johnston in the Senate chamber.

All the promises come as Parliament reopens following a month-long prorogation.

That agenda includes a promise to introduce legislation to force federal governments to balance their budgets yearly. That would come after the federal budget is balanced, which is expected in 2015.

The Tories promised to provide more tools for police to fight cyberbullying, continued defence of Canada's prostitution laws against constitutional challenges and that it will make sure "a life sentence means a sentence for life" for the most dangerous criminals.

Dykstra praised the speech as being focused on jobs and consumers, but Allen ripped the hour-long speech for not getting specific.

"It was a very long throne speech with not much in it," he said.

"All we heard was some of the same old rhetoric."

Dykstra also praised the speech for vowing action on reforming the Senate.

"We've tried this three times with the Opposition. Every single time, they've determined they're not interested," he said.

He said if the Senate cannot be reformed, "it will vanish."

But Allen said the Tories have not delivered on their promises to reform the Senate.

"I've been here since 2008 and I've heard them talk about Senate reform. So far, the Senate reform they've talked about has produced Patrick Brazeau, Pamela Wallin and Mike Duffy," he said.

"This is the prime minister who appointed these folks. You can't place the blame on someone else."

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Falls MP travelling more in new job

John Law
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In just three months, Rob Nicholson has been to Afghanistan, Kuwait and the Arctic Ocean.

It's a change of pace for the Niagara Falls MP, who was appointed Canada's defence minister July 15, 2013. Prior to that, he was the country's justice minister for six years.

"There's much less legislation, but it's an important responsibility," Nicholson said of his new job. "It's about the protection of our national sovereignty, our men and women defending this country and the security of our citizens.

"It's a different challenge."

Nicholson said one of his goals in his new portfolio will be to ensure the Canadian military has the proper resources to do its job. He said he will be getting together with his colleagues in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in the near future.

"We want to make sure that we have an effective military, that we don't bave to hitch a ride with our friends any time there's a challenge."

Aside from his defence responsibilities, Nicholson said he was pleased with this week's Speech from the Throne, noting his government's plan to keep government spending down, balance the budget and keep taxes low.

He highlighted the government's recent free-trade agreement with the European Union, saying it will reduce barriers to trade similar to the North American Free Trade Agreement. Critics, however, believe NAFTA has cost Canadian jobs and fear the EU agreement will, too.

Nicholson said several issues identified in the throne speech should be of interest to his constituents, such as a government goal to end price discrimination facing Canadians.

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Chronic alcohol use increases acetaminophen (TYLENOL) metabolism increasing its conversion to metabolites toxic to the liver. It is always best not to exceed four grams of acetaminophen a day, especially if you are a heavy or binge drinker because of the damage it can due to your liver.

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If you are a patient on warfarin alcohol can inhibit warfarin metabolism and increase your INR. If you change your usual alcohol intake you should have your INR checked.

Certain antibiotics, and in particular metronidazole, has the potential when mixed with alcohol to make people quite ill. When taken to together a patient may experience low blood pressure, shortness of breath, facial flushing, and nausea.

Diabetic patients taking hypoglycemics such as GLYBURIDE or insulin are at risk of severe hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) when they drink alcohol. These patients should limit alcohol to an occasional single drink.

Any patient on medication for sleeping should be careful of alcohol consumption because of the additive affects of drowsiness and respiratory depression. Patients have been known to aspirate their own vomit and die from intoxication. This could be more likely to happen if a person mixes alcohol with their sleep medication.

This same problem could exist when patients mix alcohol and opiates.

It is always wise to consult your pharmacist or physician if you receive a new prescription and intend to have a few alcoholic beverages. Also please notify your physician or pharmacist if you are a chronic drinker. Even if you are not planning to drink while taking your prescription previous liver damage could affect how well you metabolize your medication. This could result in

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Wynne tours Niagara – hasn't determined byelection date

Matt Day
QMI Agency Niagara

It's no secret why Premier Kathleen Wynne was in Niagara Falls Saturday.

"There's a byelection and that's the reality. I'm not going to pretend and I'm sure I will be back in Niagara," Wynne said during a break from touring the Niagara Falls Farmers' Market Saturday morning.

Wynne made two stops in Niagara Falls — the farmers' market and Heartland Forest — before heading to Niagara-on-the-Lake and, later, Hamilton.

There were no speeches planned on Wynne's tour, but she told QMI Agency that she hasn't determined a byelection date yet. Wynne said in September a byelection would be held within six months following the sudden departure of longtime Niagara Falls Liberal MPP Kim Craitor.

"We have to be ready and the riding association is in the process of identifying a candidate," she said.

Wynne is the third provincial party leader to visit Niagara Falls since last Thursday.

PC leader Tim Hudak toured Niagara last week and New Democratic Party leader Andrea Horwath was in Fort Erie Tuesday taking in the last day of the 2013 season at the Fort Erie Race Track. Horwath returned to Niagara Falls Friday to visit a manufacturing plant.

Wynne said she hopes whomever the Liberal riding association finds will be a strong constituency advocate like Craitor.

She wouldn't say who has been contacted for the position.

"I really believe in having members who represent their communities and bring those voices to the table," she said.

She said Craitor's resignation had nothing to do with politics.

Craitor was known to oppose his own party's decisions, specifically the closure of hospitals in his riding.

"Kim and I got along really well. It had nothing to do with the other government issues," she said. Since Craitor's resignation it was revealed a cancelled Oakville gas plant could cost taxpayers $1.1 billion and the government appointed Horse Racing Industry Transition Panel announced no "clear path forward" for Fort Erie.

Despite the panel's decision to drop full-time thoroughbred racing at the 116-year-old border oval, Wynne welcomed Fort Erie to submit a business case to keep it going.

"My hope is that (the Fort Erie Race Track) will have a future," she said. "Fort Erie needs to work with the (Ontario Lottery and Gaming Commission)."

Wynne seemed more receptive to the idea of a new south Niagara hospital saying the idea is being looked at.

"I know Kevin Smith (Niagara Health System supervisor) has made a very strong case and we're going to be looking at the possibilities," she said.

At the farmers' market, she purchased apples, potatoes and some honey from Niagara merchants.

Shoppers were surprised to see the leader of the province's Liberal party mingling around and often stopped to take pictures with the premier.

After spending about an hour at the market, she visited PumpkinFest at Heartland Forest, a fully accessible protected forested area south of Niagara Square.

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NDP leader sees opportunity in Falls riding

Ray Spiteri
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Andrea Horwath's two visits this week is an indication of how open the provincial New Democratic Party sees the upcoming byelection to fill the seat left vacated after Kim Craitor's resignation as Liberal MPP last month.

"You guys are going to be getting sick of me," said the laughing NDP leader to reporters during a stop at a manufacturing plant in Niagara Falls Friday.

Horwath was also in the riding Tuesday when she took in the final day of the 2013 season at the Fort Erie Race Track.

"We're looking forward to this byelection," she said after touring the 80,000-square-feet SpencerARL plant on Progress St. "We're looking forward to getting a candidate in place."

A prospective candidate could be Niagara Falls City Coun. Wayne Gates, who toured the plant with Horwath.

Gates, a trade-union leader who ran federally for the NDP, said he's considering a run.

"I enjoy what I do every day ... I have a tough decision to make," he said. "I've got a lot of people telling me I should run. I have a family that is very supportive of what I do. I'm still having dialogue with my family."

Gates was also at the track Tuesday, as was former Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop, who was the NDP candidate during the 2011 election.

"I've been thinking about it, but I have made no determination one way or the other," Redekop said when asked if he's thinking about taking another shot. "I have a lot of commitments, both personally and professionally, that I have to consider."

Liberal Premier Kathleen Wynne, who is scheduled to meet with constituents at various locations throughout the riding Saturday, said a byelection will be held within six months.

"It's a democratic process that we have with our nomination meetings," said Horwath. "We're looking forward to putting one together. It hasn't quite gelled yet.

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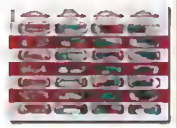

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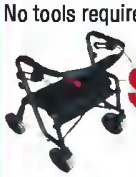

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Sat. Oct. 26 10am - 1pm
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Christmas Decor & Crafts
Bake Table, Tea Room
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Straw Game, 50/50
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Anniversaries

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

RAY AND SYLVIA SOMERVILLE
Village Creek, Stevensville, Ontario
Celebrate 51st Wedding Anniversary
Saturday, October 26th, 2013
Married Westside Baptist Church,
October 26th, 1962

Birthdays

Happy 50th
Chuck Mealing!
to celebrate his birthday please donate to C.O.P.E.
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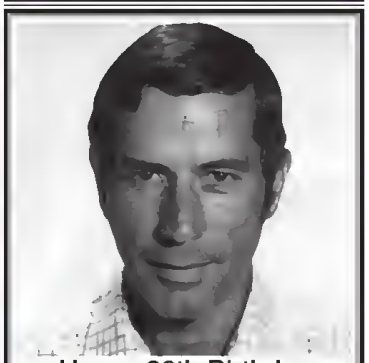

Happy 80th Birthday
Vito Giampaolo
October 16
Lots of love: Family and Friends

Coming Events

HOLLY DAZE BAZAAR
Faith Reformed Church, 3605 Black Creek Rd., Stevensville (from QEW take exit #12 Netherby Rd 25 East). Sat Nov. 2nd 10-2 Baked goods, attic treasures, cabbage rolls (frozen), crafts, garden produce, preserves, kids korner, woodworking. Lunch avail. Donations to food bank appreciated.

Mission Possible presents
Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction
Beachcombers, 237 Ridge Rd.
Sat. Oct. 26 4pm & 6pm
All proceeds go to
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Obituaries

FORNASIERO, Norina Maria - It is with great sadness the family of Norina Fornasiero announces her passing on October 20th, 2013 at Douglas Memorial Hospital. Norina was born in San Daniele del Friuli, Italy on February 11th, 1931. Beloved wife of the late Ennio (2004). Dearly loved mother of Albert of North Tonawanda, Gary and his wife Pamela of North Tonawanda and Mary and her husband Harold Heyermans of Winona. Cherished Nonni of Tara (Sean) Webb, Alyssa, Michael, Robert and Peter Fornasiero. Dear sister of Joe (Joann) Bin of Fort Erie, Mirella (Aldo) of Italy. Predeceased by her brother Ettore Bin. Loving Zia of Teresa Bin, Sylvia (Geoff) Vaughan and several nieces and nephews in Italy and Venezuela. Special Big Zia to Madison and Taylor Vaughan. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES,** 1105 Benner Ave Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Thursday October 24th, 2-4 and 7-9pm. A Mass for Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday at 11am St Michael's Church. The Rite of Committal followed at St Joseph's Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Douglas Memorial Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated. Special thanks to Dr. Gleeson, Dr. Levesque, Dr. Gupta and Dr. Levis, the home care nurses from St Elizabeth, nurses from DMH and the staff at Garrison Place for your care and compassion shown towards our mother.

You never failed to do your best,
Your heart was true and tender,
You lived your life for those you loved,
And those you loved remember.

HORNER, Walter - Peacefully at Douglas Memorial Hospital on October 16th, 2013 in his 87th, year. Walter was predeceased by his loving wife and best friend Ruth. Cherished father of his girls Patti (Gord) Edwards, Nancy (Frank) McGowan and Susan (Peter) Gentile. Sadly missed by his loving grandchildren Mark, Cindy, Katie, Jenna, Steven and Peter Jr. and his great granddaughter Cloe. Walter is survived by his brother Doug Horner and sister Gerry Trombley. Walter was a retired Canadian Customs Officer. Walter will always be remembered for his sense of humour and his infectious smile. A special thank you to Dr. Scher, Dr. Csanadi and the wonderful staff at Douglas Memorial Hospital. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Cremation has taken place. The family received friends on Saturday October 19th, from 3-6pm. A service celebrating his life was held on Sunday at 1:30pm in the Benner Funeral Chapel. Donations to Heart & Stroke or Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by his family.

SHARROW, Barney - Passed away unexpectedly on Sunday October 20th, 2013 at the age of 74. Loving husband to Cassandra. Cherished Dad to Lee Siegel and Joey (Val) Sharrow. Also survived by his grandchildren, his sister Lillian, many nieces, nephews extended family and friends. Predeceased by his son Roger Hill and his brothers. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES,** 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 11 am until the time of service in the Benner Funeral Chapel at 1 pm. If so desired, donations to the Firestone Clinic for Respiratory Health in Hamilton would be appreciated by the family.

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Barbara Long

In memory of a dear wife, mother, & grandmother who passed away October 30, 2011.

No one knows how much we miss you
No one knows this bitter pain
We have suffered since we lost you
Life has never been the same
In our hearts your memory lingers
Sweetly tender, fond and true
There's not a day, dear Mother
That we do not think of you
We miss you in so many ways
We miss things you used to say
And when old times we do recall
It's then we miss you most of all

Lovingly remembered by Dave, Nick, David, Carly, Tracy, Kimmie and grandchildren Dante, Autumn, Peyton, Austin, Emily, Brandon, Tyler, Roxy, Curtis, Alyssa, sister-in-law Doris Hebbourn and family, Bill Wisby and family, and mother Gloria Irving.

Ruby Cooper

(Oct. 15, 2004)

A bouquet of roses,
Especially for you,
Sprinkled with tear drops,
Instead of dew,
And in the middle
A forget-me-not
To show you dear grandma
We haven't forgot
Always remembered
Always loved

Lots of Love "Your little something else Amy"
Janna, Kayla & Dastiny

Missing Dad on the 5th anniversary of his passing

Doug Fraser

(July 9, 1931 - October 28, 2008)

The angels led you safely home
But you left some things behind
Memories tucked inside my heart
Those of a special kind.
Memories of a love you gave
The happy times we shared
Memories of a special dad
Who always showed he cared.
And from early dawn to setting sun
Each day my whole life through
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For memories of you.

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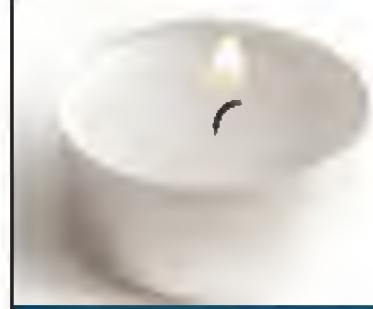

REMEMBER

Flu clinics open across Niagara

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

It's that time of year. You're going to start to see and hear health agencies promoting the benefits of getting the flu shot.

Like every year, there will be the dedicated yes crowd and the equally passionate no side.

"The people who believe that they are getting the protection, they will come and get it. The people who are resistant, are not getting it," said Dr. Muhanad Al-Husari. "We do our best, but I'm not sure how successful we are in changing the perception of the public. I think it's the responsibility of all of the community, not only the physicians."

Al-Husari said there remains a "misconception" that flu shots prevent the simplest of colds and coughs. They don't. What they do, in the majority of cases, is prevent the severest symptoms of influenza infection, he said.

Seasonal flu clinics:

Nov. 5: Fort Erie Leisureplex, 1-8 p.m.

Nov. 13: MacBain Community Centre, 1-8 p.m.

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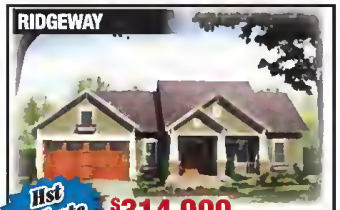

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